



## Wendell Wild Retires after 23 Years of Service

It was a tough decision to make after spending 23 years of service for the city he loves with all his heart, but there is a lot of things for a man of his talent to do in this life. So as he hangs up his hat and keys to the many duties he performed for our city, he moves on to touch the lives of many others.

Wendell requested that Staff, Mayor and Council not make a big fuss over his retirement and declined an open house in his honor. He came in quietly and wanted to leave quietly.

But the Arts Council could not accept all the support he gave to their accomplishments without recognizing Mr. Wild, so they shared the January Concert Spotlight of David Marsden and Friends with a special recognition to Wendell whom Mayor Carl Johnson (the Mayor who hired Wendell over 16 years ago) refers to as "A Man of All Seasons".

Dianne Smith, Arts Council Chair presented a lovely plaque in Wendell's honor for his dedicated support of efforts in fos-

a pleasure to work with Wendell and he was well respected among his many cohorts.

Wild left with a standing ovation from those in attendance that night. With his dear wife Mary Stringham Wild by his side, many people shook his hand in thanks and bidding him farewell. Our best regards are with him as he pursues his future endeavors.

The Mayor and Council appointed Deputy Administrator Craig Howe as acting City Administrator for the remainder of this fiscal budget year. Our thanks to Mr. Howe for his efforts in filling this position.

### After spending 23 years in service to West Bountiful,

Wendell Wild was indeed presented the Northern Area of City Administrators saying that it was always

## "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words" Historically Speaking form the City's Historical Commission

The Historic Commission would like pictures taken of historic West Bountiful homes during each of the four seasons. Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall each lend a distinct beauty to the wonderful old homes of our City. So get out your cameras and start snapping. More information to come!"

Also Special Thanks to Anita Winegar for her dedicated efforts in preserving our historic community through serving as Chair of the Historic Commission. Alan Malan was appointed the Chairman for this commission. If you would like to serve on the Historic Commission please contact Councilmember

## The "July" Independence Day Event will be Held This Year in June...WHAT????

Several years ago the Arts Council began the tradition of having a Talent Fair at our Independence Day Event. For this reason, we schedule this event for the Saturday before the Fourth of July and planned on that day to become the traditional day of this yearly event so we can have time to foster the arts and enjoy the great talents the citizen's of this city have to offer. Many have participated and there are many more to participate.

However, this year the council quickly determined that there was not enough time for this type of event to be held after an evening parade. In addition, vendors do not like to set up for 2-3 hours in an evening and calling to schedule them on a full Saturday has been a welcomed thing to them.

These and other reasons concerning the dynamics of having this activity have caused us to dedicate the Saturday before to the West Bountiful Independence Day Celebration.

Each year we hope to add to this spectacular event. Unfortunately this year it will be seven days before the Fourth of July. This may seem absurd, but if you hang in and support us this year, next year the event will be on July 3rd which will be the Saturday before the 4th. Centerville City's celebration is always on the Fourth of July and we want to be good neighbors and continue to support and honor that day for them.

So please mark your calendar for this special event Saturday, **June 27, 2009** for a celebration you won't want to miss. Parade, Carnival, Talent Fair and Events, Food Contest, Great Food and Entertainment by "Endless Summer", Fireworks and More! Look for details in April's Newsletter. For questions or comment or to volunteer call Debbie McKean 298-3179 or email me at [debbiemckean@comcast.net](mailto:debbiemckean@comcast.net).

## West Bountiful 4th Grade Sponsoring Recycling Project

The West Bountiful Elementary 4th Grade students will be sponsoring a community recycling project. We will have several different projects including collecting and recycling plastic grocery bags. Please watch the next newsletter for more information. If you have any ideas or would like to help, please contact Robin LeFevre or Melanie Miller at 402-2000.

In addition, may we remind you to bring your newspapers, junk mail and old magazines to the drop on the south side of the school and to save all empty ink cartridges and drop them off to the school (businesses included). We still collect Box Tops for Education and Weber Milk Caps. Every little bit helps!

## *A Thought for the New Year in a Troubled Economic Time*

*Believe in the everlasting beauty of  
God's creation, in the supremacy of  
good over evil, the conquering power  
'a man for all seasons!'*

*you disloyal; all the injury not make  
you unforgiving.*

*the omnipotence of the spirit.*

*Believe there is nothing so contagious  
as happiness, nothing so healthful as  
good will, nothing more appreciated  
than a smile.*

*Resolve to live your life so that all the  
evil in the world shall not make you  
morose; all the unkindness not make*

*and true, happy and generous,  
brave and undismayed.*

*Cherish your friends. Cherish your  
family. Cherish your community.*

*And live!*

*—unknown*

Cheryl Searle. You do not need to live in the Historic District to be a member of this commission.

## ACT Prep Testing Schedule

The University of Utah in Bountiful will once again be offering ACT preparation courses to will help students take the mystery out of the test. Students will receive 18 hours of instruction provided over seven sessions, including a diagnostic test to assess pre-course performance levels. The first class will start on Thursday, February 12th and ends April 2nd. The second class starts Thursday, April 9th and ends May 28th.

Both classes coincide with the ACT testing schedule. For more information on these classes contact Youth Education at 581-6984.